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BEGINS CAMPAIGN TO GET ALL DATA

State Board of Health Wants Best Results From Vital Statistics Law.

With the vital statistics law amended to correct a few defects shown by experience, the State Board of Health plans to inaugurate a campaign at once for the more complete registration of all births and deaths.

By authority of the law, passed in 1912, the State Board of Health, in cooperation, has been collecting since June of that year records of births and deaths occurring in Virginia. This work has been met with active public opposition and has not been so successful, in spite of the many difficulties in the way of the board, that the finished work of the first year, reviewed by the Federal Census Bureau, carried over into the second year, the so-called Federal registration area, the statistics from which are accepted by the United States government and published annually.

The Board of Health of American health,

that through the neglect of parents and other persons in some parts of the State, many hundred births and a large number of deaths occur no report of which reaches the health board of the State. It is to collect these missing certificates and to perfect the work generally that the board has embarked upon its new campaign of publicity and education.

"It is important for our health work," says the weekly bulletin of the board, "that our record of births and deaths be absolutely complete, but it is much more important for the protection of the individual. We are having frequent illustrations of the disastrous results which follow the failure of the public to report a legal manner the birth of their children. Lost estates, inability to enter school, difficulty in voting—all these and many other hardships can often be traced back to the lack of birth certificates. Even more disastrous, in the instances we find of litigation and loss due to the absence of full and accurate reports of deaths. We call upon the people of Virginia, the relatives of the deceased and the beneficiaries under the law, to help us complete the roll of Virginia's living and dead."

One of the agreements made in the vital statistics law is the designation of a new registrar. Heretofore, the health commissioner has occupied this position, though the actual work has been done by Dr. W. A. Plecker, with the title of assistant registrar.

As soon as the new law went into effect, Dr. Plecker is to become registrar of vital statistics, under the general direction of the board. The other amendment to the law provides that where no justice of the peace is available for designation as local registrar, the State registrar shall have the privilege of appointing some other suitable person for that office. The amendment was urged and was granted by the General Assembly to enable the board to locate registrars in every locality, so that no person will have to make a long journey to procure a burial permit or to file a birth certificate.

Prominent Episcopians to Speak.

The half-hour services to be held at St. Paul's Church, will be addressed today and to-morrow by Rev. E. T. Bradbridge, of Petersburgh; Mrs. J. W. Washington, Pepper of Pepper, Bodine & Pepper, Philadelphia, who makes that address. Mr. Pepper is the only layman who has ever been asked to address the vestry of St. Paul's, and is generally regarded as the greatest lay speaker in the Episcopal Church.

Blues Will Have Battalion Drill.

Orders have been issued by Major E. W. Hodge, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, for a battalion drill to be held on Tuesday night. Olive drab service uniforms will be worn.

R. TATE IRVINE CHOSEN TO LEAD FIGHT IN NINTH

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Shumard of Giles, Judge C. T. Duncan, of Lee; O. E. Jordan, of Pulaski; W. C. Grisby, of Russell; H. S. Kane, of Scott; J. P. Buchanan, of Smyth; H. M. Smith, of Tazewell; Preston W. Campbell, of Washington; J. F. Bulitt, of Wise; and John H. Crockett, of Wythe.

Resolutions Adopted.

The resolutions were adopted as read, with the exception of the insertion of one word, proposed in the first paragraph, the change being made at the suggestion of Mr. Fulton, of Wise. The resolutions follow:

1. Resolved, That we, the Democrats of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia, in convention assembled, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress from said district, most heartily endorse and approve the wise, progressive and successful administration of Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, and we endorse and approve his wise and conservative course in dealing with the important foreign and domestic problems.

2. We further endorse and approve the action of the present Democratic Congress in its successful efforts to legislate in the interest of the masses of the people, and to break down and obliterate the iniquitous legislation in favor of the special interests which have afflicted our country for so many years.

3. We reaffirm and heartily endorse the principles of democracy set forth in the platform of the Baltimore Convention of 1912 as interpreted and exemplified by our matchless leader, Woodrow Wilson.

4. We endorse the movement of the Fair Election Society of the Ninth District of Virginia to secure fair and clean elections throughout the district, and we congratulate the country on the success of the movement already attained, and earnestly urge all members of the party to join the society and give it their moral, personal and financial aid, believing, as we do, that nothing is more important to the people than to have an honest ballot, honestly cast, counted and returned, and that when money and other corrupting influences shall have been entirely eliminated from elections, the Ninth District will be irretrievably and overwhelmingly Democratic.

5. Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to use all just and honorable means in our power for the election of the nominees of this convention.

Following the adoption of the resolutions, John W. Chalkley, of Big Stone Gap, joint representative of the Counties of Wise and Dickenson in the House of Delegates, made an address, reviewing briefly the work of Mr. Irvine as a private in the ranks, and as a member of the district campaign committee, attributing to him leadership and ability. He declared that he was a splendid organizer, and lauded him as a man of the very highest ideals of character.

"If he is made the choice of this convention," Mr. Chalkley said, "it will mean that he will simply overwhelm the Republicans in November."

Made Unanimous.

The nomination was seconded by Judge Price of Bristol; Captain James L. White, of Abingdon; W. H. Williams of Tazewell; R. P. Bruce, of Wise, and Senator Buchanan, of Smyth, all of whom paid high tribute to Irvine's fitness for leadership. Senator Buchanan, who was a favorite with many of the delegates, and whose name had been frequently mentioned among the available men, made it clear to the convention that he was in no sense a candidate for the chair, and it was upon his motion that Mr. Irvine's nomination was made by acclamation.

The committee to notify the nominees consisted of General Rufus A. Ayres, R. P. Bruce and W. H. Worth, General Ayers, as chairman of the committee, introducing Mr. Irvine.

Mr. Irvine accepted in a ringing address, in which he congratulated the party upon the confidence that had been inspired among the people of the nation on the patriotic course of the Wilson administration in giving to the world a peaceful legislation looking to a reformation of man's abuses which, he emphasized, had resulted in the building up of monopolies and combinations to control trade at the expense of the masses.

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Referring to his nomination, he said: "I accept the trust in the spirit in which it is tendered, and with the help of heaven, I feel confident we will be able to redeem the district."

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To Enter Other Business.

W. Garnett Lee, who has been in charge of this territory for Barron G. Collier (Inc.) of New York, has resigned his position to engage in other business.

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DOMINANT FACTOR IN COMBINATION TO FIX COAL PRICES

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demands of his time were such as to preclude his longer service. The Lehigh Valley to-day resumed the payment of dividends on a quarterly basis instead of semiannually.

John Baer, of this city, was elected to fill Mr. Baer's place.

No Further Suits to Bring.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, March 18.—The suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company filed to-day is described as a hard shot by the Department of Justice against the anthracite coal holding railroads.

The government suit to test the validity of the Hepburn act against companies owning railroads before the Supreme Court.

The suit by the government against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company will go to the Supreme Court supplementally to the original suit against the Philadelphia and Reading Company, which is to be the test case of the commodities act. Both the Reading and Lehigh railroads own and control extensive subsidiary companies and import anthracite.

Assistant Attorney-General Graham, one of the government lawyers in charge of trust cases, said:

"We have no desire to bring suits to bring the government to bring its suit to the government's own merits. The department is not persecuting corporations."

Officials of the Department of Justice informed the writer yesterday of getting from inferior Federal court decisions on the main question of the constitutionality of the Hepburn law that railroads shall not engage in mining business except to such extent as to supply their own needs.

DR. BLAKE IN PARIS

Establishes Himself in Suite Near Home of Mrs. Mary Mackay.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) Paris, March 18.—Dr. Joseph A. Blake, the noted New York surgeon who yesterday established himself in a elegant suite overlooking the Champs Elysees, has found a home of Mrs. Katherine D. Mackay, wife recently of Dr. Blake. It is learned to-day, until he has established a legal residence, Dr. Blake will live in the Avenue Ellise, Paris, near the home of Mrs. Mackay resides, early this morning.

Americans familiar with Dr. Blake's professional standing were surprised when announcement was made that the famous surgeon had selected apartment near Mrs. Mackay's home.

There is much speculation as to whether Dr. Blake will obtain a divorce under the law which Clarence H. Mackay took advantage of, because of his desire to save Mrs. Mackay from undesirable publicity in New York.

QUEEN TO VISIT AMERICA

Eleonora, of Bulgaria, Will Leave for New York in May.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, March 18.—An official message from Sofia to London to-day announces that Queen Eleonora will leave for New York in the first week of May. During her stay in the United States the Queen hopes to deliver a series of lectures in the principal cities, with the object of placing before the American public the real position of Bulgaria regarding the late war. She will also make an appeal for help in behalf of the thousands of refugees now streaming in Bulgaria. A representative of the Queen will leave for New York within the next few days to arrange details.

BALFOUR STRUCK BY STONE

Deep Gash Cut in Nose, and Check Is Badly Bruised.

Nice, France, March 18.—Palace detachments dispersed with great difficulty to-day several hundred students who paraded the streets demonstrating against the Anschluss Treaty. Among them who had written a letter of congratulation to Madame Calmette.

The students gathered in front of the deputy's residence shouting "Assassins!" and cheering for Calmette.

CHARTERS ISSUED

The following charters were issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission:

Geo. R. Newsome & Co., to Erect \$12,000 Warehouse on East Cary Street.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:

George R. Newsome & Co. (Inc.), to build a three-story detached brick warehouse on the north side of Cary Street between Seven and Eighth Streets, \$12,000.

W. H. Clegg, to build two detached brick dwelling at 1205 West Avenue, \$11,000.

John C. Evans, to build a two-story frame dwelling at 1207 West Avenue, \$11,000.

John C. Evans, to build a detached two-story frame dwelling at 1215 North Twenty-eighth Street, \$1,400.

M. B. Staples, to build a one-story brick garage at 1217-19 West Avenue, \$1,000.

Clinton Mills Company (Inc.), Emporia, Va., to build a one-story brick building at 1221 Porter Street, South Richmond, \$1,000.

Mrs. Alice C. Freeman, to repair two frame houses at 1225-27 North Twenty-seventh Street, \$100.

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, to repair building at the Bolton Shops, \$100.

LECTURE ON MEXICO

E. Tennyson Neely Thinks Intervention By This Government Now Would Be Unwise.

E. Tennyson Neely will deliver a lecture on "The Truth About Mexico" to-morrow afternoon at the auditorium of the John Marshall High School. The purposes of the lecture are for the Open Air League, and the lecture will be repeated on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Admission to foreign charter: State of Delaware, West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company, increasing its capital stock from \$7,500,000 to \$20,000,000.

DR. RIDLEY'S SERMON

Large Congregation Hears Evangelist at Grace Street Baptist.

Devoting his sermon to the subject, "The Value of a Human Soul," Dr. Caleb A. Ridley, of Grace Street Baptist Church, last night with the presentation of the sermon, said: "I am here to tell you that God occupies the position of best monarch for the last two years, during which God has given me a remarkable success."

Preparation of the supreme council, which will be convened here Sunday, April 10, Forty-eight will be present in the utmost to entertain all.

Each visiting grito will bring his band, and there will be a competitive drill for a handsome loving cup to be awarded to the winning team.

Celebrates Fifty-fifth Birthday.

The fifty-fifth birthday of J. E. Barlow, of 120 Broad Avenue, was celebrated on Saturday evening, with a dinner at the home of Mrs. Barlow.

There was music for the company, which numbered a score or more, and refreshments were served in the dining room at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Barlow is the elevator operator in the State Library Building, and is well known in the city.

HONOR FOR PELOUZE

Saints Gratou Present Past Monarch With Seal for Two Years of Service.

Saints Gratou, of M. B. P. G. R. (Inc.), Norfolk, Va., Capital; Maximum, \$30,000; minimum, \$14,000. P. M. Pollard, president; T. W. Wren, secretary.

Virginia Beach Corp., Corporation, Norfolk, Va., Capital: Maximum, \$15,000; minimum, \$12,000. A. Schatzkin, Julius, president; Virginia Beach, Va., secretary.

Norfolk, Clinton Mills Company (Inc.), Emporia, Va., to Samuel Goodwin, secretary.

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Accrued deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1914, 102.

Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 107.

Accrued excess in rainfall since January 1, 17.

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Accrued deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 107.

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